INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM: CLSA Statewide Communications and Delivery Program

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: This program has yet to be funded under the CLSA. While no systematic analysis of major program design alternatives has been undertaken for the program under CLSA, the program design for the Library of California (prepared by the California Library Networking Task Force) includes a Statewide Communications and Delivery program. With the passage of SB 409 (The Library of California), funds have been designated for a telecommunications infrastructure that could address, in part, the goals for this CLSA program.

PROGRAM TRENDS: Although telecommunications initiatives and the increased use of Internet-based communications are being studied in the framework of the Library of California, work is also in progress extending the use of these communications techniques across CLSA System boundaries, notably with linked systems initiatives in the Statewide Data Base program and cooperative work among CLSA Systems in a number of areas throughout the state. Those efforts will provide information on models for establishing cost effective communications, service procedures, and delivery patterns relevant to understanding the potential costs and service improvements associated with developing a Statewide Communications and Delivery Program, whether it is ultimately based on the CLSA System structure or the Library of California model.

RELATED ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE:

1. Review of costs and service models relevant to determining the costs of a Statewide Communications and Delivery program under CLSA, and consideration of directions for the Library of California.

2. Updates on telecommunications discounts for libraries.

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